

Table 1.37-- LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY PERSONS FIVE YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH: 1990

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	English ability			
		Very well	Well	Not well	Not at all
Persons 5 years and over	1,026,209
Only English at home	771,485
Other than English at home	254,724	130,306	76,827	42,225	5,366
French 2/	3,825	3,048	507	270	-
German	4,066	3,213	535	307	11
Portuguese	1,110	815	206	89	-
Spanish	13,723	10,321	2,409	932	61
Bisayan	1,710	753	603	340	14
Chinese 3/	25,489	10,417	8,088	5,476	1,508
Hawaiian 4/	8,872	6,711	1,566	584	11
Ilocano	26,283	10,493	9,849	5,433	508
Japanese	69,587	34,772	21,457	12,165	1,193
Korean	14,636	5,450	4,664	3,759	763
Samoan	9,420	5,712	2,514	1,012	182
Tagalog	55,341	27,289	18,699	8,701	652
Thai (Laotian)	2,811	1,121	1,099	483	108
Tongan	2,213	1,050	584	504	75
Vietnamese	4,620	1,525	1,597	1,302	196
All other languages	11,018	7,616	2,450	868	84

1/ Shown separately for languages with 1,000 or more speakers.

2/ Excludes 29 French Creole.

3/ Excludes 505 Mandarin.

4/ Excludes 48 Hawaiian Pidgin and 968 Pidgin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for United States, Regions and States: 1990*, 1990 CPH-L-133.